

## **RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED**

- 89.91.16R**            **RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX (PILOT) AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHUYLER HEIGHTS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND COMPANY, INC.**
- 90.91.16R**            **RESOLUTION HONORING EMMA WOODARD DICKSON AND NAMING SPRINGSTEEN ROAD IN HER HONOR**
- 91.91.16R**            **RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL**

**Council Member                introduced the following:**

**Resolution Number 89.91.16R**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE  
EXECUTION OF A PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX (PILOT) AGREEMENT WITH THE  
SCHUYLER HEIGHTS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND COMPANY, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Schuyler Heights Housing Development Fund Company (“Company”) purchased from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development certain property within the City of Albany (“City”), located on Lark Drive, commonly known as Capital Woods, City and County of Albany, State of New York, for the purpose of rehabilitating low-income housing facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Company has been formed for the purpose of providing low- income housing and the charges for such facilities and services are to be predicated upon the provision, maintenance, and operation thereof on a not-for-profit basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Company’s plan for the use of this property constitutes a “housing project” as that term is defined in the Private Housing Finance Law (PHFL); and

**WHEREAS**, the Company is a “Housing Development Fund Company” as the term is defined in the PHFL;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and enter into a PILOT agreement with the Schuyler Heights Housing Development Fund Company in a form as approved by the Corporation Counsel, together with such other and further forms, documents and agreements necessary to amend, re-new, supplement or effectuate the same.

**To:** Nala R. Woodard, City Clerk  
**From:** Marisa Franchini, First Assistant Corporation Counsel  
**Re:** Request for Common Council Legislation  
Supporting Memorandum  
**Date:** August 24, 2016

**Resolution 89.91.16R**

**TITLE**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A  
PAYMENT-IN-LIEU-OF-TAX (PILOT) AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHUYLER HEIGHTS  
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND COMPANY, INC.**

**GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION**

**This resolution is necessary to provide for the refinancing of bonds which will offer a lower  
interest rate in order to improve cash flow and provide for reinvestment in the property;  
specifically, to update the building's heating system. The refinancing will also restructure the  
debt so that the company will pay increased PILOT payments and less on debt payments.**

**NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW**

**Required Council approval for refinancing.**

**EXPLANATION OF DEADLINE OR REQUESTED TIME FRAME FOR PASSAGE**

**N/A**

**SPECIFICS OF BIDDING OR OTHER PROCUREMENT PROCESS (if applicable)**

**N/A**

**SPECIFICS OF REAL PROPERTY SALE OR ACQUISITION (if applicable)**

**N/A**

**FISCAL IMPACT(S)**

**N/A**

**Council Member O'Brien introduced the following:**

**Resolution Number 90.91.16R**

**RESOLUTION HONORING EMMA WOODARD DICKSON AND NAMING  
SPRINGSTEEN ROAD IN HER HONOR**

**WHEREAS,** Emma Woodard Dickson was born on November 12, 1944 as the youngest of eight children born to Alfred and Leola Woodard. The Woodards' left Mississippi in May, 1939 during the height of the Great Migration Movement; and

**WHEREAS,** Shortly after her birth, Dickson's parents purchased land from Francis Wilborn in the Rapp Road Community where she grew up. Dickson was educated in the Albany Public School District; and

**WHEREAS,** To dispel myths of how the Rapp Road Community was founded, she began a fact finding mission. Dickson asked her parents and other 1st generation settlers their account of how they settled in the Pine Bush; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2000, Emma Dickson joined Jennifer LeMak, a graduate student at the State University of New York at Albany to pursue a research project on the Rapp Road African American Community. It was a perfect union. Emma Dickson was able to get the Rapp Road history documented, and Jennifer LeMak was able to complete her research project as a result of their combined efforts; and

**WHEREAS,** In September, 2002, the Rapp Road Community was nominated and placed on the list of New York State Historic Districts. The community was also placed on the list of National Historic Districts in January, 2003. On May 23, 2006 the Rapp Road Historical Association was approved as a Charter by the Board of Regents at the New York State Department of Education; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2008 a book depicting life in the community was published, Southern Life, Northern Cities: The History of the Rapp Road Community. Emma Dickson embodied love for her community and persistence for truth; Emma Woodard Dickson achieved her mission and vision to give the Rapp Road Community its well-deserved place in Albany's history;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that in recognition of her life and the lives of the Rapp Road neighboring families, a street sign to read "**EMMA WOODARD DICKSON WAY**" shall be placed adjacent to the existing Springsteen Road.

**To:** Nala R. Woodard, City Clerk  
**From:** Michael O'Brien, Council Member  
**Re:** Supporting Memorandum  
**Date:** August 24, 2016

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 90.91.16R**

**TITLE:** RESOLUTION HONORING EMMA WOODARD DICKSON AND NAMING SPRINGSTEEN ROAD IN HER HONOR

**GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION:** To designate Springsteen Road as "EMMA WOODARD DICKSON WAY" in recognition of her life and the lives of the Rapp Road neighboring families.

**NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW:** As explained in resolution.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Minimal.

**Council Member O'Brien introduced the following:**

**Resolution Number 91.91.16R**

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, Blessed Sacrament School opened in September 1916 staffed by the Sisters of Mercy and in 1917 graduated its first eighth grade class of four students; and

**WHEREAS**, the first school building was on Hunter Avenue and it was modified over the years to accommodate more classrooms and the addition of a kindergarten. The ground elevation was lowered to accommodate larger basement windows for new classrooms; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1961 Monsignor John Foreman saw the need for an expanded new school facility with a gymnasium/auditorium which could be used for parish activity space. The new school was completed on Central Avenue in 1964 with eight new classrooms, a library, activity rooms, offices, and gyms; and

**WHEREAS**, the old school building continued to be used along with the new building with two classrooms for each grade. There was an all-time high enrollment of 692 students; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976 Father John Bradley became the pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church. He is himself a graduate of Blessed Sacrament School and under his guidance the school progressed and developed; and

**WHEREAS**; in 1982 the old school building was demolished. The Central Avenue school building was modified with the addition of a computer room and equipment. In 1991 pre-kindergarten classes were started in the church basement; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 1997 a new addition to the school was opened. A new library, parish and school offices, kindergarten classroom, and pre-K classroom were added, and the old library and some of the classrooms were renovated to make room for a computer lab and other classes. At the same time, the adjoining property on Rawson Street was purchased and demolished to provide a playground; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1997, various changes have been made to the existing layout of the school in order to meet changing needs. The library was converted into a library/media room. The upper grades have a state-of-the-art science lab. Spanish is taught in all grades. Equipment has kept up with technology with smart boards in all classrooms and a fully equipped computer lab; and

**WHEREAS**, when Blessed Sacrament School was opened in the autumn of 1916 no one could imagine the changes and challenges the parish and school would face over the next one hundred years. The school has survived and flourished through these challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the make-up of the parish and the school is much more diverse than it was one hundred years ago. Children from all races, from multiple ethnic groups and cultures, from different socioeconomic backgrounds (including the children of refugees) now attend the school; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,,** the City of Albany congratulates Blessed Sacrament Parish, Pastor John Bradley, Principal Sister Patricia Lynch, the staff, the parents, the students, and former students on the occasion of the celebration of the one hundredth Anniversary of Blessed Sacrament School, to be held on the weekend of September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2016. We commend you for your accomplishments and look forward with confidence as you begin your second century as a warm and welcoming growth environment for many and diverse students.

**To:** Nala Woodard, City Clerk  
**From:** Michael O'Brien  
**Re:** Request for Common Council Legislation  
Supporting Memorandum  
**Date:** AUGUST 11, 2016

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 91.91.16R**

**TITLE**

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF BLESSED  
SACRAMENT SCHOOL

**GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION**

Recognition of the valuable work of Blessed Sacrament School with our youth and particularly  
recognizing the work of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Pastor John Bradley, Sister Patricia Lynch,  
the staff, parents, students and former students in creating a warm and welcoming environment  
for many and diverse students

**NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW**

N/A

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**EXPLANATION OF DEADLINE OR REQUESTED TIME FRAME FOR PASSAGE**

Passage requested at the September 8, 2016 meeting.

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**SPECIFICS OF BIDDING OR OTHER PROCUREMENT PROCESS (if applicable)**

N/A

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**SPECIFICS OF REAL PROPERTY SALE OR ACQUISITION (if applicable)**

N/A

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**FISCAL IMPACT(S)**

None

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